* * In order to be immovable and

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A Precious History for our Boys and cross, he gave the most indubitable as-

On Saturday, the 24th of November, while we were in Memphis, the Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. KERR, said to us, "Bro. Robinson, when you preach to some of our people to-morrow, preach once about how all the afflictions of the Assembly, were present, and en- of Dr. McMaster upon certain questions of the people of God work together for quired faithfully into the ground of his of church policy, we have entertained the Bible to sustain his stricken soul.

We left him on Monday afternoon, writing a notice of his sad bereavement from a friend the following account of and power of the Holy Spirit. the noble boy's death, which is so simple, so beautiful, and so worthy the serious quested that "Rock of Ages" be sung, thought of all our boys and girls, who in which he joined, shouting and claphave been recognized as members of ping his hands in the happiest manner; the Church in their baptism, that we meanwhile exhorting all present to meet about 3 o'clock he breathed his last. prefer to present this beautiful story him in heaven, and sending similar

A. M., without a groan or a struggle.

hours after the adjournment of that No doubt when he made this last regreat body, of which you speak in such mark, his thoughts were running on the just and exalted terms in your paper, General Assembly he had a few hours and the Moderator, Dr. Kerr, was re- before seen his father preside over and ceiving the warm congratulations and close. Later he requested to be sung, expressions of cordial love and esteem "Come humble Sinner," and again raisfrom the noble men just risen from the ing himself almost to a sitting posture, Lord's council, his only son, ANDREW he repeated, "I love thy kingdom, Lord, HART, Jr., the most promising youth the house of thine abode," in clear disof my acquaintance, and at least the tinct tones, and said, "let us all sing."

public profession of religion, his was Very often he repeated the first line Christ." He said, "the time of my de-

old. I was present as his believing pa- meaning. rents gave him to God, by the hands of | Calmly he bid each one present goodthe late beloved and excellent Dr. Edgar, bye, exhorting them to meet him in Father, I commit my spirit, through Je. Spirit, which is the word of God.' of Nashville, and then I knew the Mas. heaven, and gave to his sister, who was sus Christ, thy Son." As he lay with ter was there present, ratifying and appresent, a kiss for his ma and sisters, proving the dedication, and often since who were absent, calling each by name, have I said, that if I had no other and saying, "tell ma not to be distressed higher testimony in proof of the "doc- about me, that I died happy in Jesus, ting at the right hand of God." "Is Jesus our frightful struggle. The sympathy trines of the covenant" in regard to in- and have gone to heaven, where she with you?" he was afterwards asked. expressed in that letter profoundly mofant baptism, than what I saw and felt and my little sisters must meet me.upon that occasion, it were enough.

size and age, but the man in intellect. be afraid to meet his Maker's face, with sions of child like confidence and un- ican delegate at your last Synod, when Such gifts of mind as his are nothing Jesus for his friend?" "I know in whom shaken faith in God his Redeemer, did our war was still unended, and the inless than genius. With uncommon pow- I trust." He spoke of different friends ers of concentration, he was able to and relatives who had gone before, and ence of his Saviour. master the most difficult class-books in whom he expected to see in heaven, and But it is not for us, in this brief no. struggle. These things have sunk into so short a time as to excite the surprise said, "I love my father and mother, and tice of his departure, to sketch his life, our hearts, and I am here to tell you so. of his teachers that he knew anything sisters very much, but I love Jesus more, or attempt a portraiture of his characof his lessons whatever.

father for years, seeming to prefer the and never shed a tear from the time he be stated until a fuller account can be ods, 285 Presbyteries, 4033 ministers, association of grown-up persons to that- was taken till he breathed his last. He given. Rev. E. D. McMaster, son of 4146 churches, 905 candidates for the of those of his own age. In fact, Hart was in full possession of his mental facwas one of those peculiar characters ulties, to all appearance, up to the inwho have no youthful period; from stant the breath left his body, and until February in the year 1806, and was lichildhood they are men and women. he could speak no longer, said his trust censed to preach the gospel in that per member." (Great applause.) Between this extraordinary boy and his was in the Lord, that he was dying church in the year 1829. father, there existed relations of confi- happy, without pain; and when he dential intimacy rarely found between | could not utter the words, he would reparent and child. They strongly resem- spond with his head, conscious to the bled in appearance, thought alike, and very last, never for a single moment N. Y. upon all subjects seemed to have tastes | doubting or wavering in his faith and | and feelings similar -- and . while the hope of salvation through Christ Jesus father and son loved others, toward as his Redeemer. whom such feelings would be natural, Thus went out from earth one of the their souls appeared knit together in brightest minds I ever knew, and a bud relations which could not be shared of promise has thus early dropped from lection, Hart had been trained up in "the hope than any left behind. But, as he of the Northwest in 1866. and though a child in years, was well what is best." he sat during the entire session of the stricken and heart broken father shouts all his students. General Assembly among its members, the praises of God for His great merlistening with the closest interest to its cies in giving to his darling child such the foremost men of our church. He in store for us; and, as the long siege cannot be moved.' moved by his father's parting address his poor, weak human nature totters to merits of a crucified Redeemer, in whom alone he relied for salvation, and when exhibited a thorough acquaintance with ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's and ability as a teacher. As an instruct with ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's and ability as a teacher. As an instruct with ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's and ability as a teacher. As an instruct with ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's and ability as a teacher. As an instruct with ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's and ability as a teacher. As an instruct with ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's and ability as a teacher. As an instruct with ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should bear with a friend's ple. "A friend should bear with a friend's ple." A friend should be a friend the whole plan of salvation through the infirmities, but not with his vices."

joice and praise God, and to tell what Chicago. In this death another of the cified Redeemer, and that he had given of the Church. presiding over the General Assembly that he had rather go and be with Christ byterian the following interesting ac- ral in an eminent degree. with a dignity and grace that we seldom and the Angels, than stay in a world of count of his last hours, which we transhad seen equalled. And the first news sin and sorrow, these good men could fer to our columns as a more befitting we heard, was of the death of his noble not refrain from shouting "Glory! Glo-tribute of respect to his memory than boy on Wednesday. We had intended boy on Wednesday. We had intended boy on Wednesday. We had intended boy on Wednesday. Assembly, as also delegated by the dele they heard then and there such clear Dr. McMaster's history would enable us Assembly, as also delegated by the delthis week, with special reference to that evidence of His faithfulness to His to offer.

who was going to take him from a world "ANDREW HART KERR, Jr., died of sin and trouble up to Himself, where Wednesday, the 28th day of November, he would very soon be singing with Anthe "General Assembly, and among the the city. He was 13 years and 18 days old. Six Church of the first born, in Heaven."

the most triumphant death I ever wit- of that hymn which begins, "Lord I parture has come; I have fought a good | ically referred. We are engaged in the When the child was thirteen months appreciated to the fullest extent its

When asked if he was afraid to die, he The child developed into the boy in promptly replied, "No, no, who would

with another. From his earliest recol- its stem, of which there was greater

A Great Man fallen in Israel.

surance of his acceptance and reconcil- We announced in our last the report iation in Christ, and continued to re- of the death of Dr. E. D. McMaster at

Covenant. They bid the crushed pa.

They bid particular subject—the afflictions that come upon God's people. But be. rent rejoice, and not weep amid such preumonia. After suffering much for the Patapseo Presbytery in pneumonia. After suffering much for the Patapseo Presbytery in the deed. You may indeed construct come upon God's people. But be-fore we began our article, we received splendid manifestations of the presence about a week he was thought to have passed the crisis of danger, and strong Some hours before his death he re- hopes were entertained of his speedy recovery. But on Saturday last the disease assumed a more alarming type, and from that time he continued to grow worse, until Monday afternoon, when

just as it was told to us. We earnestly messages to his mother and sisters, and Poland Ohio and his mother and sisters are significant. hope that the children will all read it, and be led by it to imitate the wonderful all not to weep for him, but rather refaith of this little boy, Andrew HART joice in the goodness and glory of God, and hastened to see him. He also had frequent conversations during his ill. the duty of also representing before you and with the students of the Seminary, some of whom attended him night and fore, consider myself as the avant courafter fifteen hours sickness, at 10 o'clock, gels, and where he would take his seat in day, and with other Christian friends of ier heralding the probable union of

and energy with which he gave his plause.) dying testimony, in favor of the

'Yes, yes."

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry in the Presbyterian church in February, 1831, and became pastor

and to the Presidency of the Miami University in 1845.

ive gospel preacher, and a thorough ex- you have destroyed its power in the nothing to be added. "The whole countruly set forth, then it seems impossi. them, we will have done them a service.

a blessed Savior he had found, until his truly great men of the Presbyterian nary, as well as the students, were sure to triumph; and we are completely Church which illustrates its immovabilstrength was too far spent to talk. The Church has passed away. However struck with the exceeding richness and with you in your resolution to enforce it Rev. Drs. Adger and Joseph R. Wilson, widely we have differed from the views fullness of his occasional expositions of in the name of humanity, of justice, and dom of this world. It is a Spiritual their own change of place to the fixed Scripture in the Seminary, and his re- of religion.' ligious addresses and sermons. He impressed all who heard him in our churchgood." We complied with his request, hope; and when he told them he knew, for him, ever since we knew him, the es here, or met him in the social circle, little thinking, that within three days, young as he was, that he was a sinner, highest regard, as a noble hearted Chris- as well as in the Seminary lecture rooms, our friend Dr. Kerr, would himself have and that he must be saved, if saved at tian gentleman, a profound thinker and master workman who needed not to be our friend Dr. Kerr, would himself have such special need of that very truth of the Church such special need of that very truth of the Church such special need of that very truth of the Church such special need of that very truth of the Church such special need of the Church such special need of that very truth of the Church such special need of that very truth of the Church such special need of that very truth of the Church such special need of the Church special need of the seemed to impress all who heard them, his whole heart to God, and now felt We find in the North Western Pres. as clear, strong, judicious and Scriptu

One Prof. Emerson seems to have way egate of the New-school to the recent the contrary practice, than the speech-Prof Emerson to the Synod :--

Poland, Ohio, and his nephew, Gilbert New-school Assembly to represent that icant parts. important Church before you; but as he was unable to leave his pastoral charge at Paris, he has entrusted to me can Presbyterian family. I may, there-

"Mr. President, it is my pleasant ducross of Christ, as the only hope of sin. ty to assure you of the warm sympathy ners, and the only hope of a ruined of our churches, and their cordial interworld. His mind seemed to feed upon est in all that relates to your welfare. soul, quoting Scripture largely himself, nor details of government and practice and relishing it when quoted in his pres- there is between us a substantial agreeence by others. "I die in God," said ment in the great principles of evangelhe; "I die without a fear, because I die ical Christianity. We also agree with kept the faith; henceforward there is tendencies of the present times, as they laid up for me a crown of righteous- are developing themselves in America; ness," &c. As the closing scene ap- and we are using the same weapons, repreached he said, "Into thine hands, O, lying for success on 'the sword of the "My countrymen will never forget the

his eyes intently looking upward his kind letter, full of Christian sympathy, brother said to him, "what are you looking at so intently, brother?" He said, Protestant pastors, which you publish-"I see heaven opened, and Jesus sit. ed to the world in the darkest period of "Yes; O, yes." After a while he was ved us, and was received with joy by asked again: "Is Jesus still with you?" loyal Christian men all over the United States. Nor can I forget the enthusi-With these and many similar expres- asm with which you received the Amerbosom of the Church below to the pres. statements with regard to the sacrifices of the great English divine. of our American churches during that

"Mr. President, it is late, and I will and would rather go to him than stay hands. A few leading facts only have statistics of the Old and New-school He had been a companion for his here." He suffered comparatively little, come to our knowledge, and may here bodies united :-They number 62 Syn-Rev. Gilbert McMaster, D. D., of the ministry, over 400,000 communicants, born in the State of Pennsylvania, in during the last year five millions of dol-

Said Dr. Pressense the Moderator in

of the Ballston Presbyterian church, the depth of interest we felt in that long as the constitution of the Church every part." That is to say, the primaeventful, that mighty struggle—how we embraced such persons or bodies, so ry court of the church, by her divine He was elected to the Presidency of followed its varying phases with the long it must from the necessity of the and immovable constitution, has all the of doctrine and manners, and boldly the South Hanover College in 1838, profoundest emotion; how, as you case be subject to change. All these power of the whole church universal. seem d to lose ground, our hearts stood could be shaken, "as things that are still with apprehension for the liberties made." They were forever removed in Where two or three are gathered to-He was elected to the chair of Sys- of mankind, all at stake in that contest; the great change when God took away gether in my name there am I'-the members. They dissolved Presbyteries tematic Theology in the New Albany then how our hopes renewed themselves the Old and established the New dis-Theological Seminary in 1849, and elec- as you pushed back the cruel hosts of sla- pensation. ted to the same chair by the General very, and our admiration and wonder Moses and David and Aaron, with their the church on earth is created after the quired unquestioning obedience to what-Assembly in the Theological Seminary grew as we learned the story of the he- long lines of human and temporary sucroic sacrifices made by the people and cessors, and the real authority over nurture and admonition of the Lord," said himself, "It is all right, God knows He was inaugurated here early last the churches of the North for the success God's house, with which their typical September, at the opening of the present of the great cause! Ono! we could not relation to Christ invested them, have versed in the doctrines of the church of We who knew and loved him must session, and entered upon his work with despair of you, or our country, or her come to a perpetual end and a perpetual his fathers. The day before his death bow, heavy as is the rod. His poor, great fidelity and zeal, discharging its destiny, as we learned these things. Head in the Divine and Eternal Son of duties to the satisfaction and delight of But yet, as the contest was prolonged, God, who is the sole King in Zion. The lower does not transgress the immovable of that once venerable we could not resist a feeling of dread kingdom is so far forth immovable, in limits. The very idea which lies in the court, in which they violated the Crown Dr. McMaster was confessedly one of lest, after all, disappointment might be that it has an ever-living King "that

proceedings, and at the close was deeply a triumphant death; at the same time, was one of the representative men of of Richmond dragged on, we eagerly 2. The second element in the constihis times and country. Endowed by scanned the news, and did not cease to tution of the Christian Church, which nature with noble powers of intellect, pray earnestly for your success. And we bring to your notice as illustrating changeable charter may be secured. pression of the extent to which the and the farewell greetings he there witthe fall under the crushing weight of his blessed with the highest advantages of when at last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility, is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news came its immobility is the fact that Jesus last the glorious news cane its immobility is the fact that nessed. When he was informed that he blighting bereavement. He begs you to education, and adorned by the indwel- over that Richmond was taken, that the higher court should must read the whole proceedings and would probably not get well, and his pray for him. His trust is right, but he ling of God's spirit, he was enabled at pro-slavery Confederacy was ruined, delivered to her a perfect and comple father exhorted him to place his trust has a temperament of over ardent attach- an early age to take a high position in that liberty and loyalty and Christiani- rule of faith and practice in the Holy of fler King, or to change or increase or the order and fulness of their history. in his Savior, and to give his heart to ment for and devotion to his children, as the ministry. He succeeded well in all ty had triumphed, we wept tears of un. Scriptures. This is so intimately conthat he attempted. He was recognized utterable joy. Yes, we love you for neeted with the foregoing that it is dif-God, he prayed long, earnestly and with well as most extreme nervous sympa- universally as a scholar, a theologian, your heroic deeds, for your strong arms, ficult to separate the two in treatment. remarkable force and intelligence, for thies, which you may readily suppose an educator, and a preacher of the first for your large hearts, for your clear Jesus Christ, as the everlasting Theanmercy and forgiveness through the overwhelm him upon such occasions. rank. The multitudes of young men perceptions, and because your cause is thropic King and Law-giver of the Scriptural exposition will question the of space in presenting again so much of placed under his instruction at the dif- our cause. And now, we are with you Church has completed the revelation of skill, the clearness, and the irresistible what we published last week. If there-Have the courage to "cut" the most agreeable acquaintance you have when those who studied under him at New we have no fears that you will lose in those who studied under him at New have no fears that you will lose in the nature of the kingdom that cannot readers on the special points of this dispersion. he concluded his prayer, in which he you are convinced that he lacks princi- Albany, all bear witness to his learning any way the true results of your war; revelation that caused previous "sha-

to him. From the time he entered upon | brother; and without doubt you will pro- is to be added, whether by new revelathese last duties until he was prostrated tect him by giving him the ballot. We are tions of the Spirit or traditions of men." by sickness, his colleagues of the Semi- for universal suffrage; the principle is Another attribute of the Christian Continues the preacher:

-has written, we are told, a great book. Prof. Emerson is probably a learned tution furnished, so to speak, the plat- celestial observations to correct the ity as against rationalism, depends upon united in any relation—so long one inthem or the sort of men they represent, terpenetrates the other—the ecclesiasti- ever stood, on the immutable Word of the State-church politicians and the cal constitution cannot be immovable— God. We seek grace to serve God ac-The Latest Novelty in our Foreign Reclesiastical Correspondence.

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The ever growing and changing civilization of the immovable kingdom.

What afforded us special pleasure in eed. reading this discourse was to find in it an endeavor to exhibit the great doctriness with his colleagues, the professors, the New-school branch of our Ameri- nal points involved in the present issues with the General Assembly. And we of its designs. And it was because are free to express the judgment that no Christ was the King of such a Kingdom, stitutional rules is involved in the constitutional rules in the constitutional rules is involved in the constitutional rules in the constitution rules in the constituti these two great branches of the Ameri- one has, as yet, brought out these higher that the Jews refused to accept Him as Nothing could exceed the clearness can Presbyterian Church. (Great ap- and more transcendental aspects of the controversy with more simplicity, power, and logical beauty than Mr. Lefevre. they could not understand. They wished miserable attempt to conceal the true have failed to notice with regret the propensity on both sides of the contro-No thoughtful man in the Church can David to be revived. They hypocriti the word of God as the very life of his of government and propensity on both sides of the controversy to discuss the questions invol- real objection to Him-that objecmentary and constitutional rules. If nant and murderous hostility—was that cided between two equally venerable inin Christ." "I die in the strength of you in regard to the important question nothing more serious than such questhe Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of a total separation of Church and tions are involved, then indeed has the culty in the world's mind in reference of God, who redeems us from iniquity of God, who redeems us from iniquity of the success of your heroic.

And this precisely is the grand dim culty in the world's mind in reference to the nature of the church—a difficulty in the success of your heroic. equal of any I ever knew, was stricken down with cholera, and died in fifteen hours.

One time when his distressed father was weeping over him, and begging for grace to be given his "poor boy" for the last "Hart" was a child of the covenant, and though he had never yet made a not poor, I am rich."

One time when his distressed father was weeping over him, and begging for grace to be given his "poor boy" for the last struggle, he speke up quickly, "Pa I am not poor, I am rich."

One time when his distressed father was weeping over him, and begging for grace to the church an incomprehen interest in the success of your heroic unworthy strife. But if this question of the Church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the church and of the sphere and functions of the Church and of the church and of the sphere and subjection, resistance and subjection specification. the real peace of the Church.

> Protestant pastors, which you publish. John Owen's discourse before the one ordinance, and forbids them to the sword. Parliament on "the shaking of the other. heavens and the earth," from the The morality of all these matters, tobrews. And without meaning to flat- the authorities of the movable kingdom. venture the opinion that in most of the Christian Church which we will now essentiaal points of a good sermon notice as illustrating her immovability, this great and good man pass from the tense interest you manifested in all his this is more than equal to the discourse is the germinal principle of the govern-

We venture to re-state the chief that our Standards express the mind of points of this doctrinal argument from | Christ on this as on every other departthe nature of "the kingdom that cannot | ment of His Kingdom, we are at once ter. This will doubtless be done by other close my remarks by giving you the be moved;" and to ask a careful attention to them as containing the germinal ferent senses in which the word church truths out of which the protests against is used in Scripture, to-wit: as denoting the General Assembly should spring:

* * * The Church owes loy | congregations of a particular city or Reformed Presbyterian Church, was and we have raised for church purposes alty only to Him. He is the sole King district, or the whole body of believers in Zion. There are no intermediate in the world. Thus we have congregano intermediate priests. No council or the development is finished, ocumeni ecclesiastic now stands between the cal Presbyteries. But the forming prin-Church and Him who is her King and ciple which runs through all is, Prophet, in the same exclusive sense "Sir, I cannot find words to express precisely, in which He is her Priest. As

which God has given Her.

struck with the fact that they provide

courts of rulers corresponding to the dif-

the congregation of believers worship-

ing in a particular house, or the several

tional, district, synodical, and, when

power of the whole is in every part, and the

power of the whole is over the power of

The power of the whole is in every part."

pounder of the word of God, there have State and in the Church ; you have re- sel of God is set down in Scripture, * ble to deny the force of the "uses,"been few men in the ministry superior cognized the manhood of our African * * unto which nothing at any time speaking after the manner of Owenwhich the preacher derives from them.

It is common for men who partake of ity, is its spirituality. It is not a king. the motion of a moving body, to refer kingdom. Before the introduction of points around them. Thus men refer Now, Dr. Pressense is a learned man "the immovable kingdom" God gave their own motion in connection with the His people a civil as well as an eccles- earth's to the sun and the stars, which iastical constitution. The civil consti- are indeed immovable orbs. It requires that so long as Church and State remain may be distinguished from apparent The ever growing and changing civiliza. tion of the immovable kingdom.

tion of men and communities demands new political institutions; and if the gathering up and concentration of the Church is united to any institution which power of the whole into the highest We had not the space last week to no- belongs to the category of "the things court-a thing perfectly abhorrent to request that we should preach on that reduced that we should preach on that reduced that we should preach on that reduced the reduced that red Baltimore, which we published in full in such was Her history "until Shiloh outward visible unity on this principle ifications of Prof. Emerson and Dr. our last issue. We therefore refer to came." But in the last and greatest of of concentration of power, but it is a Pressense, on the union of sentiment in the subject now; and if we have oc- the Divine upheavals, the last element unity without value and without life. favor of a total separation of Church and casion to repeat portions of his discourse from His Church's loins, and She rose belongs to the works of the creature. State and against rationalism. Said by way of illustration, no harm will be from Her chrysalis wrappings, THE IM. The progress of science and civilization, done, even to those who read it MOVABLE KINGDOM. And this, taken and, more than all these, the quicken-"I have already delivered to you a carefully, while those who did not will in connection with her unchangeable ing of the individual conscience by the He was attended in his illness by his letter from my esteemed friend, Rev. be profited by having their attention charter, exactly counterpart to man's word and Spirit of God, inexorably call unchangeable individual responsibility, upon it to change or dissolve. makes the kingdom of the unchangea-

The summary statements of the docble King a kingdom that cannot be mo- trinal heresies of the General Assembly in the light of the foregoing view of the ocumenical, the Kingdom of God must nature of the immovable kingdom, be equally incapable of becoming the shows clearly enough that something ally or the enemy of the State in any far higher than questions of mere forms their Messiah, and crucified Him as a troversy which has divided the Church. blasphemous impostor. A king that We ask our readers to compare the folwould have no court, no army, no realm, lowing statement of the issues with the (a) That Assembly in '61 assumed and Court of the U. States, to interpret the ved simply as questions of parlia- tion which lifted opposition into malig-, civil constitution of the land. They deterpretations of that constitution. The And this precisely is the grand diffi question is not whether they gave a

the victory through our Lord Jesus error, to which our brethren here prester de fide, a question concerning an submission, de jure titles and de facto in the main consistent with its former essential and elementary truth of the possessions, are all questions having a position on this point, also assumed the am thine, entirely thine," and evidently fight; I nave finished my course; I have needless, but absolutely necessary to and therefore the church ought to take perior to and the master of the State; for cognizance, say they, of all such ques- it declared: "It is the clear and solemn tions on their moral side at least. Not duty of the National Government to pre-Mr. Lefevre's argument from the es- so thought Christ. Not so says the im- serve at whatever cost the National Union, sential and inherent nature of "the im- mutable law of "the immovable king- and *** TO CRUSH FORCE BY FORCE." movable Kingdom" is one which deserves dom." Why, every act of the civil pow- The church, assembled as a court of careful study. In breadth of thoughtit er, whether executive or legislative or Jesus Christ, dictated a policy to the judicial, has a moral side, but Christ State, -and that too a policy of blood. compares very favorably with Dr. the King remands all these questions to She dropped the keys and seized the

(c) The church in '64 through her highest court not only added to the word of same place in the XII. chap. of He- gether with their expediency and con- God, but contradicted that blessed book. stitutionality, are referred by God to The question has lost none of its importance because of the abolition of ter our young Baltimore brother we 5. The next and last attribute of the slavery by the civil power; it still remains in all its eternal and infinite importance, and asks of every one "what shall be the rule of faith and practice in ment which Her King has established the kingdom of God, -- the word of God within Her. Now, taking for granted or the commandments of men?'

(d) And if any doubt whether this be the real question, the orders of the Assembly of '65 ought to put the doubt to rest in every mind. That Assembly not merely reaffirmed these novel and monstrous doctrines in violation of the word of God and the Standards of our Church, but formally required a cordial belief and approbation of them as a condition of membership and office bearing in the Church; and constituted the Executive Committee of the Board of Do mestic Missions and their Secretary, a court of final and superior jurisdiction to judge of the orthodoxy of ministers in reference to the Assembly's doctrines on loyalty and freedom.

(e) And the Assembly of '66 reaffirmed all the past corruptions took into their own hands all Church power. They assumed original jurisdiction over ministers, elders and Church God-man with all my power-"in the and punished office-bearers without the form of trial or indictment. They remidst of them." Nevertheless, because pattern of "the things in heaven,"-be- ever the Assembly might choose to orcause the visible is begotten in the very dain. They made their own ordinances image of the invisible, -"the power of and deliverances as binding upon the whole Church as the written constituthe whole is over the power of every tion. What more could be done? If part," reviewing the lower, receiving I should attempt to detail to you a tithe and issuing appeals, and seeing that the Rights of Christ and the doctrines of nature of the higher court is the power of reviewand of receiving appeals, in or. Scripture as interpreted in our Standder that by the judgment of the greater ards, the sun would rise before the work number a faithful execution of the un- was done. To have an adequate imcommand the lower to violate the laws debates of the past six Assemblies in diminish the complete and perfect code. Even liberty of speech is gone, and the voice of testimony is hushed.

No one who has any true conception of We are persuaded that it is no waste

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A most remarkable "Narrative of the

state of Religion.

the word of God.' so-called "Narrative of the state of Re- against which the Declaration testifies. ligion," extending through more than A very significant fact also in this five columns. And such a narrative is "narrative" on the Declaration and Tescertainly without precedent in Presby- timony, coming from the representaterian church courts, as a brief but tives of the quondam Danville Seminafairhful analysis will show.

states, in substance that "the state of Declaration "is founded upon an erro religion is now evil"--"by no means encouraging "-"a deplorable low state Christian would anticipate who knows anything of the sort of means of grace who have been laboring to conceal the fully accepted. true issues from them—their bad pas-

tity too small to deserve further notice, this remarkable paper proceeds to a nar- Declaration from all church courts, and ble a case of "making history." Our "propagating false views of Presbyterianthing of the protests of the Synod and the powers of her courts"!!! every year since 1861, against the usurthe word of God, will be able to judge the preliminary statement of the thesis giving the lie to the protestations a Just conceive of Drs. Humphrey and W. L. Breckinridge, the South-loving Mc-Kee, and the "almost-persuaded-to" Clelland and Hogue, solemnly asserting in a narrative of the state of religion the following historical proposition:

During the years 1861-1866 the General Assembly took certain actions as to the duties of our Genearl Government, in a time of civil rebellion, and relative to the duties of our people to the same in that emergency; also relative to the emancipation of the slaves in the United States; also rela- dress: tive to the cnoduct of these Christians who had aided the rebellion. And while these acts strictly accord with those of the General Assemblies of the United States and Scotland of former days, in like cases; and also accord strictly with the religious convictions of the great body of our Presbyterian family, and what their consciences required of them as religious duty, at the time; certain persons of this Synod organized opposition to these acts, and have persisted in this opposition until a schism has been made in the body of the Synod.

It will be seen that sure enough, as Dr. R. J. Breckinridge said, "they blot out the old and make a new record."

In confirmation of a statement so remarkable as coming from even a "so-called" Synod of Kentucky, the narrative proceeds to recite the substance of the acts of 1861 and 1862 with approbation thereof. Then follows an elaborate historical argument attempting to establish the identity of the spirit and sentiment of the Stanley-Matthews Abolition effusion in 1864, with all the previous acts of the Assembly!

Next we have the following remarkable account of the Orders of 1865, which if a true and honest account we do not see why Drs. Humphrey and Smith should wish to "dead letter" them. Just conceive of a "narrative of the state of religion" which pretends to give the substance and spirit of the monstrous orders of 1865—which led to the Declaration and Testimony-in the following sweet paragraph:

Directed Presbyteries to treat with kindness, ministers and churches who are disloyal, or not in sympathy with the former deliverances of the General Assembly on the subject of slavery, and to receive them when they properly acknowledge and renounce their errors. Against these acts certain persons of our own number, prepared, signed and published a Declaration and Testimony; saying of them, &c., &c.

If the religion preached by these gentlemen to the people is not more truthful than their history; and if their expositions of the gospel are as defective as their expositions of the acts of 1865, nobody need wonder to hear them say that the state of religion among the people is "evil" and "deplorable," Getting thus to the matter of the from their own words and flee from re-

Kentucky, openly retracting all its pro- | time when mutual forbearance is called | tests, and most meekly accepting even for among brethren, and requested Louisthe acts of Assembly, which the same ville Presbytery to review its action.' men have pronounced "repugnant to And yet in this narrative, and in other papers, the Lexington meeting has the Hence we suppose the precaution to singular effrontry to assert that the broach the subject first through the Synod of 1865 denounced and condemn. more solemn and pious form of a "nar- ed the Declaration and Testimony as rative of the state of religion within the slander, rebellion, &c., never hinting bounds of the Synod." Accordingly we that then, as before, the Synod confind in the last number of the organ a demned the acts of the Assembly also,

ry, is that it cites and formally endor-A single paragraph in the opening ses the Princeton Declaration, that the neous theory of the office and preroga tives of the Church. If its doctrine was of piety." This is what any intelligent to prevail a seal would be set upon the lips of the Church, and she would be forbidden to testify against many sins, which the scattered sheep, which have and enjoin many duties." Thus the strayed off from the old Synod, under whole record of the Danville Seminary the lead of "dead head" ministers, have "is blotted out," as a testimony against enjoyed for months past. Fed upon the Princeton semi-Erastian theory of the low demagogue cant of emissaries the Church, and the Princeton theory

This remarkable narrative of the state sions roused by every sort of appeal to of religion next proceeds to review with their selfishness and their prejudices approbation the Assembly's acts of 1866, -practised upon by every sort of pious in the matter of the Louisville Comtrickery, to secure their suffrages for a missioners, and gravely declares that, party and principles not congenial to "the Commissioners took the strange po them-how should religion flourish sition that they had already been condemned, and that the proposition to Despatching thus in short order-the hear them was a mockery, &c." And "religion" question as being in quan- cites approvingly the action of the Assembly excluding the subscribers to the rative of the history in general of the citing them for trial to the bar of the Assembly and Synod for five years past. next Assembly. And then charges the And seldom have we met with so nota- Declaration and Testimony men with readers in Kentucky who know some- ism-as to the constitution of the Church

After thus recanting the entire testipations of the Assembly as contrary to mony and protests of the Synodin years past: recanting the entire teaching of the general tenor of the history from of Danville concerning the Church; and which the history is made to defend. hundred times repeated by the large majority, if not by every one of the men themselves who issue this narrative, of their opposition to these acts of the Assembly, and their determination to regard them as "dead letters" if not as null and void, the public will not be surprised at the following "narrative" and judgment concerning the peace seeking effort of Messrs. Breck, Worral, Rout and others in the Lexington ad-

Also others of our own number, pre pared and signed a paper and addressed t to "the Presbyterian people of Kentucky," and by means of it sought to or unize conspiracy against the authority o the General Assembly, and in the interes and behalf of those who were under process \$ iscipline before the General Assembly. making vigorous efforts to induce the en tire Church in Kentucky to commit herself to open resistance to the authority of the Assembly, and persisting in efforts to turn away the hearts of our people from the Church of our fathers—the Church of our choice-and the Church of our loveand these efforts have culminated in chism in the body of this Synod.

This narrative of the state of religion next proceeds to relate the doings of the Moderator Breck, at Henderson, in a manner that can but amuse all sane men who witnessed those proceedings. amaze our brethren generally who were present, to find this "narrative" solemnly averring that Moderator Breck was 'backed up by the unseemly public clamor made by persons designedly present in order to act public clamor and violence n support of the Moderator's decision"!

A rather odd Hibernicism winds up this remarkable narrative. After declaring for the third time over that the Declaration and Testimony men "have been convicted by the public wisdom of the Church, of slander-of teaching false theories of the Church" &c. &c. the "narrative," with all the artlessness of Paddy himself denounces them for demurring to appearing for trial before the court which has already "convicted" them on the charges--in the following

Being held by the Church to the re ponsibility of their own teachings and ets, instead of embracing the opportuniw which the summons of the Assembly ave them to put themselves right before he Church and make a good defence of heir own Declaration and Testimony, eem to have placed themselves in the attitude of having shrunk from their own words, and fled from the responsibility to which their own public declaraions hold them.

This is certainly an odd enough specimen of logic to close so odd a narrative of the state of religion! Men "shrink

The so-called Synod at Lexington show that Drs. McLean and Thomas at ecclesiastical murder, before the Syn-visive element in its various unions, has been very chary hitherto about re- have as bad an opinion of the Declaration od at Henderson, a court that had not great present peril—the forced secularpeople of Rentucky. It seems to have has. In October, 1865, the Synod of the twain have "shrunk" and "fled from per. ter by degrees to the people, lest the condemned the paper as a slander, &c., the lawful jurisdiction of the Synod at white population of the South—a population of the South organized to convict"?

We have devoted so much space to a lusus ecclesiasticae to our readers. With &c." all its folly and wickedness this utterance of the so-called Synod at Lexingpoints of view.

1. It evinces clearly the sad consewith fundamental error and lawless usurthe Church the very errors and to do the true bread of life. the very acts of lawless violence and usurpation which this "apologetical How a Strategist said "What will you narration" is devised to justify, the cry was raised—"Is thy servant a dog that he should do this"? The witness was denounced as a defamer of holy men and holy courts; and those who issue this narrative affected more charitably to believe it impossible that Presbyterians could seriously mean to say and do such things. "Wait"! "wait"! was the cry, wait till the excitement passes. Then will we have these apostasies checked or else show ourselves more ready than you to "come out from among them."! But threefold worse than all our apprehensions is the degree of apostasy; and behold now the very men us out of Kentucky: who then whispered of our fierce, unescence in apostasy and usurpation!

2. This narrative has special signifimal abandonment and recantation of all Declaration and Testimony would pacify those principles which have heretofore distinguished the "middle men"--the "strategists"--the "moderates" of Kentucky from the Jacobinical radicals of the Church who, with Dr. Monfort, insist upon the "acts of the Assembly and the (cruel) Constitutional Amendment." as the only platform for the pacification of the Church. And, in a higher doctrinal point of view, this narrative in denouncing no longer merely the "terms" and "spirit" -- but also the doctrines of the Declaration, as "false theories and Presbyterianism" is manifestly not only an abandonment of, but a formal and positive condemnation of the doctrines heretofore held, notoriously, by the en- ville. Kentucky!'

The Presbyterian's charitable hopes of the Southern Church. Memphis, the Presbyterian-after indulging his little spleen in the usual manner of insinuated untruths and indirect defamation in order to avoid the responsibility of untruth and defamation, concerning certain churches "lying round loose in the Border States," and the signers of the Declaration and Tesif at all, by being found in company allies) -- proceeds in the following patronizing style to express his judgment of the future prospects of the Southern

Declaration and Testimony, this narra- sponsibility" who demur to appearing are now out in the wilderness, and evi- standing, and the degrading effect upon qualitations of its ministers and mem- in all the wars and national debates in tive proceeds to analyze that document; to be tried before a judge and jury and in spite of all their misrepresenta who have already "convicted" them! dently anxious for a home, we may expect the Southern Church, by these various accretions, to grow into a body of tions of it, this third column of their And that too by a court which has no respectable size, spread over a wide paper contains about all the honest, outmore right to try them than a council bers of people. It will certainly contain spoken truths to be found in the whole of the Camanche Indians! A large within it some men of fine abilities and spoken truths to be found in the whole of the Camanche Indians! A large undoubted scholarship. Some of the marrative. Next follows near half a column portion of the men who issue this "nar- most eloquent men that ever graced the of citations from the famous McLean rative" were cited by appeal, in an orcommittee in the Assembly of 1866, to derly manner to be tried for attempts working, and unless it admits some dihomogeneous body. If it escapes its porting its utterances to the Christian and Testimony as this so-called Synod "convicted" beforehand. Whether of ization of its ministry through want of support—we think it will live and prosper. It must, from the necessity of the thought it necessary to break the mat- Kentucky, which is now claimed to have responsibility"-those who seceded from case, be the chief defender and propashock might prove too great, at finding saw no other objection to it than "its Henderson, or those who, as law-main- lation destined to increase more rapidly a Synod which claims to be the true terms, its spirit and intent as looking to taining Presbyteriaus, refuse to appear now than ever before—and because of this, and for the sake of the more precious successor of the Protesting Synod of further agitation of the Church, at a before an Assembly transformed into a interests of Christ's kingdom, we wish sort of "Bureau of ecclesiastical justice, the Southern Church abundant grace

The prophet has furthermore a vision reaching "away down to the closing this narrative not merely for the sake years of the century; when the question of exhibiting a curiosity in the way of of re union with the Southern Church

We are sorry to say that we cannot reciprocate the prophet's hopeful vision. ton has a profound significance in many To our view everything seems to indicate that long before the closing years of the century, the present Jacobinism uences of continued tampering with shall have worked out its sad results in and trifling with great principles of the Northern Church, in a repetition truth by middle ground compromises of the New England apostasy. And the present Southern Church purified by pations in the Church of Christ. When the fires of affliction shall stand forth as in 1862 the True Presbyterian pointed the sole representation of the ancient out whither all attempts to compromise and true Presbyterian faith-gradually with the Assembly's heresy of 1861 having absorbed the "remnant" of the must lead, and charged upon Northern true people of the North, and sending fanaticism the purpose to bring into Missionaries to Philadelphia to break

'covenant with him for the thirty

Referring to the "minority man," and discussing the real "gravamen" of our church difficulties, the Presbyter, two weeks since, made the following singular revelation concerning the "middle men" in the Assembly at St. Louismeaning of course, Drs. Humphrey, W. L. Breckinridge and Smith-and con- they are all upon the same platform, and cerning one of them who has advocated sume, Dr. Humphrey, who we learn from various sources, has been laboring for eighteen months past to find a place for | fore the Assembly met, that body would

A paragraph in one of these articles charitable spirit, and "harsh" language reminds us of a theory in regard to our n charging such things--now them- difficulties which some of the middle selves doing the very things and taking pleasure in them that do them! Behold announced in public, for the reason, as the men that once gloried in the free, manly, outspoken method of Kentucky and they did not feel at liberty to present that every signer shall have left us, or recant-Presbyterianism, now attempting to dis- which they thought of doubtful success. The Presbyterianism, now attempting to dis-guise, under the solemn and unsuspect-by one of the leading middle men, who d form of an official "parrative of the has since advocated the dead letter doc-He said: "The gravamen of our difficulty is Dr. Stuart Robinson. He is sophistries, special pleadings, false is- the object of the intense feeling of dissues, exaggeration, and suppression of satisfaction which is agitating the church, and if action could be had to reach him, the facts, to beguile the people into acqui- church would be satisfied." We replied to our brother that he was not entirely right, that nothing short of a complete adhe ence to the action of the Assembly of 1865, cance as an official utterance of the for- and an emphatic condemnation of the

the Church in the North. Had this story concerned some other minister than ourselves, we should feel free to speak in somewhat plain terms of so treacherous and cowardly an offer of a victim to the fanaticism which Dr. Humphrey himself denounced to the St. Louis pastors as "perfectly brutal and evil in its spirit." But lest our good spoken of, should we go into the merits of the question, we content ourselves with simply calling attention to the fact as illustrating the treacherous malignity which all the while lurked under views of the fundamental principles of those smooth words of peace and harmony in the church, and of remonstrance against the Assembly, which used to flow so unctuously from Dan-

tire church in Kentucky. It is thereThe Christian public should bear in special attention, except that it served swer each other. When they agree to stand firm and faithful against all fore in the strictest sense proper to de- mind that this proposition of the "Dead as a fair specimen of the "unanswerable" nominate this as the "Apostate Synod of Letter" Doctor to the Radicals at the arguments at present employed by the St. Louis Assembly, occurred before any lesser lights of the radical Synod of speak. 3. It is plain therefore that we have plea of just provocation could have been Kentucky in their "able" efforts to enat last reached an open and final issue offered. For, up to that time, as our It will, for instance, both amuse and in Kentucky. Whatever dishonest "strat- readers well know, we continued to egy" may continue in use, among the "hope against hope," that the "middle his pulpit a note, signed by a member ministers and elders individually, to be- men" of Danville would still be brought of his church, propounding to him the guile ignorant, credulous, and weak- to stand out honestly, and make good minded people, still we have at last the their professions of general concurrence advantage of an open officially declared with those who resisted the tyranny of issue in Kentucky between those that the Assembly. Nor had we as yet uthold the errors and defend the usurpa- tered aught against either Drs. Humtions of the Assembly since 1861, and phrey, Breckinridge or Smith, that those who reject the one and resist the could be fairly construed as unkind. Whatever suspicions we felt of their sincerity and honesty we kept to ourselves. It is therefore an anachronism In a notice of the late Assembly at to judge of the provocation for the above cold-blooded proposition from what we have been compelled in faithfulness to say of the course of these gentlemen ince the Assembly. Now with this revelation of Dr. Monfort before them, we leave our readers and the Christian | was it? public to judge between our "harsh' utterances concerning their discreditatimony," and others of damaged eccle- ble course since the Assembly-which siastical reputations (as though Drs. they and his friends make it conven-Boardman, Vandyke and others had not lient to consider personally offensivedamaged their ecclesiastical reputations, and this deliberately proposed conspiracy against us even while yet affecting | and unanswerable" argument. with the Presbyterian and his Jacobin all the brotherly love and all the piety Have we affirmed anything against any of them as discreditable as this disgraceful proposition reported by Dr. Monfort?

the conscience and the sense of honor bers &c." of this expediency theory, than the fact Now this quotation, in the connection very foundations of her existence, proposition of bargain and sale.

dissatisfaction," we deem it not worth make no reply; "unanswerable" as the the example and influence of the Church while to go into that. That "the wish argument is, it is not likely to do much that helped to make Missouri the first is father to the thought" with these damage, even to the most ignorant. legally and religiously persecuting State gentlemen; that the chief dissatisfac- But we are further told that the As- in the Union. In that State men are tion in Kentucky was created by their sembly "made no new tests on the sub- now fined, imprisoned, and murdered, own treacherous efforts; and that the ject of slavery." "It is the Southern because they will not consent to receive dissatisfaction out of Kentucky was in Assembly that has made new delive- their license to preach the gospel from large measure because of our defence rances upon slavery." "It was to meet the Commonwealth. It was the spirit of principles in which these gentlemen | this new doctrine that called forth the | and tone of military and political professed to concur with us, if it were Pittsburg order." Now the Southern preachers that upheld, if they did not not largely, also, the result of Danville General Assembly has not employed suggest the Rosecrans Order, which orstrategy in hounding on crazy fanati. this writer to defend its action. It needs der prohibited the right of church courts cism by all sorts of false clamors against | no such defence. It is our object sim- | to sit, except by the permission of milius, are facts which are now becoming ply to notice the "able and unanswer- tary authority. This was suspending well understood in Kentucky. Certain able" argument reported to the West- the very existence of the Church upon it is that we should be very loath to ern Presbyterian. For the sake of ar- the temper and will of military men. exchange reputations and "dissatisfae gument, we will admit that the Southern It is with regret and shame that we tions" with either of the three.

be seen in the paper which we publish. ed last week--that one might well suppose the meeting had Dr. Monfort's ul timatum before them in preparing their surrender. Says the Presbyter

The gravamen of our difficulties lies in give me and I will deliver him unto you?" and how Dr. Monfort would not wise and noble stand against the sinful rebellion which threatened the life of the nation, and a Scriptural action against ministers, elders and members, churches and church courts have denounced and promised to resist, what has been done. and have organized factious efforts to carry out their views and schemes. The Assembly, in arraigning the Declaration and Testimony men, has, indeed, included the bolder and more defiant of the opposers of the action of the Church, but are called to answer for the same offense. As there is but one indictment for the 'dead letter-ism''-meaning, we pre- same offense, done at the same time by all, whatever will satisfy the Church for one, wll satisfy for all. If Dr. Robinson had gone off to the Southern Church, be have dealt with the remaining Declaration and Testimony signers as it did, or in some similar manner. Dr. Robinson has said many severe things of the Assembly, for which he should repent, but if he had said only what is in the Declaration and Testimony, he would properly have been called to account with other ed, and until all others shall cease to denounce and defy the Church, AND UNTIL ALL SHALL LOYALTY AND FREEDOM, Which have secured to us a bright and honorable page in our history, and relieved us from complicity with slavery and secession.

> Seeing that the Lexington meeting accepted these terms, we do not see why the faithful should be called upon to go to the expense of sustaining an organ for Kentucky. Wherein now does the Presbyter fail to represent the views of the Lexington meeting; solely, so far as we can see, in speaking out honestly. And has it come to this, in Kentucky from the people is deemed | tucky-be they willing or unwilling. essential?

Mr. Hogue's "able and unanswerable" Argument.

DEAR COMMONWEALTH: Will you allow a little space in your paper to the following brief notice of the "able and unanswerable" argument of Mr. Hogue of Lebanon, in relation to General Assembly matters, as reported in the Western Presbyterian! The "able and unanswerable" argument deserves no lighten ignorant Presbyterians!

Last Sabbath, Mr. Hogue found upon following questions in substance :

others, believe that the Pittsburg order and to strengthen the wavering. X. or examining rule, as it is called, is inoperative, a "dead letter?"

2. Is the ipso facto order of 1866 any more binding than the order of 1865? 3. Who is responsible for the schism

in Kentucky?' Then follows the "able and unanswerable" argument abounding in quotations from our "Form of Government;" and in which argument, we are told, the speaker "read several passages from the

The documents and the reporter were on hand. But why the "note signed by its doors, and prevented other thoua member" "found upon his pulpit" this writer that much heavy machinery was run, in bringing to light the "able

But we desire to notice briefly the arument itself. It relates first to the Assembly's orders of 1865, and it commences with a quotation from our "Form

that these Danville strategists should in which it is used, simply means noth- All this inevitably leads to despotpersuade themselves that Dr. Monfort ing at all, or it means that the Assem- ism, not only on the part of the Church, and his party would entertain such a bly did institute new terms of church but it shows the way and leads the State communion, and that the Assembly had to the same spirit. We are neither As to the question of the "intense the right so to do. If this is meant, we blind nor rash when we say, that it was

General Assembly did all that has ever say it, but history will write it down. In the same article Dr. Monfort, with been slanderously charged against it. that whatever was done harshly, and characteristic free-spokenness, proceeds What is then the character of the "un- cruelly against Church, people and to set forth the real "gravamen." At answerable argument"? It is simply property, during the war, was suggested that writing he had evidently not seen this. The General Assembly of Pitts- and abetted indirectly, if not absolutely, the Lexington capitulation. And yet burg ordered not only that Presbyteries by the tone, spirit and acts of the great his statement in thesi of the terms on should examine ministers from the church courts of the North, and that which the middle men may be restored South, asking admission as members, most of them did do it, and that all of to confidence, coincides so remarkably but that church Sessions should ex- them had the will to do it-that is to with the terms in which the Lexington amine persons applying for membership send men to the South, to take possesmeeting makes its submission—as will regarding their connection with the re- sion of and hold other people's ecclesbellion; and special advice is given to iastical property, is the history of church Sessions as to their action in Church honor, justice, and brotherly relation to young men in the Border love And had it not been that States, who under the influence of their the State authorities were far more just superiors, adopted erroneous views of and honorable than the ecclesiastical. the doctrine of "State Rights".

sembly took action upon slavery, there- at the shameless holding on to the Zion fore the Northern General Assembly Church in Charleston. assume to determine the political doc- It is not wonderful therefore that trine of "State Rights," and order the such a body of men, having done such examination of persons applying for things, and having departed so far from membership in the Church, as to their the grounds of Christianity, should by politics-persons who never had any violent and unconstitutional means shut connection with the church South- out a whole Presbytery from the persons who perhaps never heard of a General Assembly, simply because they Southern General Assembly. Surely had protested strongly and definitely the argument is logical-surely it is against the unscriptural, unpresbyterian "able and unanswerable."

that the General Assembly has nothing in the matter aforesaid to change, nothing to explain, nothing to modify, nothing to take back, nothing to amend, in any way, shape, or form whatever.' The above, as the reader is aware, was adopted by the last Assembly.

But these orders we are told are inoperative-they are a "dead letter." Here we turn Mr. H. and his reporter over to Dr. Stanton-Moderator of the that a special organ for the purpose of last Assembly-or to the Doctor who concealing the opinions of the leaders | now leads radical Presbyterians in Ken-

> Regarding the Assembly orders of 1866-the ipso facto order, Mr. H. or at least his reporter, claims that the Assembly did what "she had the most express constitutional authority" to do. We have nothing to say in reply to this part of the "able" argument. We would simply refer Mr. H. and his re- pect intelligent, conscientious, and inporter, and the readers of the Western dependent men to ignore what they Presbyterian to the speech of Dr. W. L. Breckinridge in the last Assembly. We there never was a time in which there prefer that those brethren should an- was greater need for God's true people among themselves, then may those who tion of the Church than now. And just differ from them feel called upon to as they do this they stand well and best

Now, Dear Commonwealth, such is the "able and unanswerable" style of argument employed throughout Kentucky, by those who boast that they possess the talent and the piety of the follows: Presbyterian Church, Thus do they 1. Do you with Dr. Humphrey and undertake to enlighten the ignorant,

> For the Free Christian Commo The General Assembly.

An able, wise, and pious General Assembly is of boundless importance to the Presbyterian Church, but the Gencut itself off from all possibility of dowhich nothing can remove but the hand war. It has shattered and divided her, and destroyed one of the strongest bonds that holds the nation together. vert, 'Are you loval to the Roman Empire?' What was Christ's test question? Dost thou believe on the Son of God!' Who During the war and since, it has been then is he who dare withstand God? schooling its partizans and their young people, into the false and ruinous idea cal body that has acted thus foolishly of Government," 'every Christian church that the Church is a great judge and and, as many believe, wickedly. The Assembly:

If the standard thus lifted up should be hailed and rallied to by those who lifted up should be hailed and rallied to by those who lifted up should trate the blirding effect on the under- mission into its communion, and the lions. But this necessarily involves her live such work had not been left to them.

the world, and necessarily shatters the

these captors would have held these That is, the Southern General As- ill-gotton gains still. As a sample look

and unchristian conduct of the Assem-

But the execution of these orders "is bly, Nor is it wonderful in the workleft entirely discretionary with the low- ings of human folly and weakness, that, er courts." So it is stated in the "un- in defending this extraordinary act of answerable" argument. To prove this, despotism, they should do it by arguextracts were "read from the Minutes ments equally extraordinary and unconof the last Assembly." Perhaps the stitutional. For if the General Assemfollowing was read: "Your memorial. bly, without charges, without arraignists, therefore, do hereby respectfully ment, and without trial, can shut out a represent, in reference to the recent whole Presbytery from its body, and expersistent attempts made in various clude them from the ministry, so far as parts of the Church, to have the delive- all the courts of the Church above the rances and injunctions of the General Session are concerned, then they do by Assembly, reconsidered and changed; that very act, virtually superiede all Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods. And if the acts of the General Assembly, for the past six years, are to be taken as an "authoritative explanation" of our ecclesiastical code, then it is clear, as the sun shining in his strength, that to the Presbyterian Church of this country there has been imparted a totally new and opposite direction.

Hence in the presence of such despotism and revolutionary violence, it is not strange but very natural that there should be an increasing multitude of people who feel that this is not at all the church with which they at first united, and especially not the church whose doctrines and ecclesiastical code they accepted when they were licensed and ordained

to preach the gospel. And no arrogance can be greater and no silliness can be weaker than to exhave long studied and professed. And military, political and worldly prostitufor all other interests.

The Northern Methodists yet in advance in Loyalty.

The Nashville Advocate cites from a Presbyterian paper and comments as

A writer in one of the Presbyterian papers used the following language: "When I joined the Church thirty-five years ago, I was asked, 'Do you believe Answer, 'I do. Do you love n Jesus ?' his people? I do fervently.' fied the Church session. Now, alas! the convert is examined thus: 'What State do you come from?' It will not do to reply, 'From a state of sin andmisery. You must sectionalize yourself, eral Assembly that now is, is tearing North or South. If South, eral Assembly that now is, is tearing were you on during the civil war? North or South. If South, 'What side down what it once built up. By its political acts and military temper it has political acts and military temper it has provided by the state of the the 'What do you think of the Freedman's Bureau? made itself the political enemy of more think of Thad. Stevens and Brownlow? than one-half of the nation. It has If you answer, I count all things but loss that I may win Christ,' the convert is in the political gall of bitterness, and the Minutes of the last Assembly." It was ing them good. It has built up a wall bonds of partizan iniquity! Should he then a premeditated and prepared speech, of separation between it and them, mournfully inquire, 'Why am I, who Christ has saved, rejected by a professed Church of Christ?' the only answer is of God. It has driven thousands from this: 'The General Assembly has decided by four to one that you are not loyal to the Governmentl' I must turn Black Repubsands and thousands from coming. It lican, therefore, in the United States, to Why all this arrangement? It occurs to has degraded the Church by dragging get to Heaven! In Austria I must turn her through the sloughs of politics and Budhist! In Utah, Mormon! In China, "Did the Apostles ever ask any con-

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Very truly has it been said, these Discourses "are suggestive." Every minister should have the book; every Christian needs it; and every unconverted person should read it, that their souls may be aroused from the death stuper that is insensibly dragging them to that place of and across that gulf which is "daily wikindred and friends, and which will at last and forever divide the righteous and the wicked.

Thank God! that such a man as Dr. Robinson lives to battle for the truth; to hold aloft such beacons of light to attract and save wrecked mariners in the life

State of Opinion at the East.

One of the ablest and wisest men in an Eastern Synod, who has hitherto been forty years ago we used to devour the rather silent on ecclesiastical affairs, solemn and grave, but fascinating annals writes us under date of December 8th,

"I am greatly gratified by the course weak knees elsewhere may be strengthened by what has been done in Kentucky and elsewhere since last June. That any considerable proportion of Northern ministers and churches will be soon reclaimed from their apostasy, I have no expecand as the Radicals in the State become the North, men who have piety and voice against the suicidal policy its pro- Books. posed champions are pursuing. I have some hope, that the organization of the The paper prepared by Dr. Bullock, and published in the last Commonwealth, is time to subscribe for the Magazine. men who, while they feel that the church lotte N. C. Ferms \$3 a year. has done wrong, don't know precisely where the wrong lies, nor how it may be

State to their senses. The seeming pros- erally. perity of the North is deemed proof posiand the latter not improbable, will do salists.

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REVIEWS.

We receive from M. W. Dodd, 506 Broadway, New York, as for sale by A. Davidson, Louisville, a number of singularly interesting new books, which we will do our readers a favor by calling their attention to. We confess ourselves rather rusty in the department of popular read-OBITUARIES extending over ten (10) ing since these times of active ecclesiastilines will be charged at the rate of 10 cts. cal warfare came on, and therefore our jndgment as to what is popular may be somewhat at fault. But finding that Mr. The Executive Committee of Missions of Dodd's bundle of new books has proved to us such a temptation as to have nearly discomfitted all our plans for the Commonwealth this week, and even endangered Church. our programme for Sabbath discourses, we conclude their writers have some powers of facination.

THE DRAYTONS AND THE DAVENANTS .-- A story of the civil wars, by the author of "Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta

Family. This beautiful volume of 500 pages, make out so many accounts; but we are has intererested us exceedingly. We are already cheered by the promptness with ashamed to say that absorbed as we have which some of our Kentucky subscribers been in a different line of reading and have responded. We have several thou- thinking, we have known little of this popular writer except from hearsay. But and we regret to say that a considerable if this volume is inferior in interest part of that sum is for debts which we and real power to any previous producpaid Dr. Hill when we purchased the tion by the same author, then the pre-Presbyterian Herald. This should not vious productions must be very extraor-

and we will be able to meet our weekly There are occasional passages in this book which we do not like—as for in-In remitting small sums send us bank stance the picture of a sweet child wrestnotes, small checks on interior banks ling with the problem of the Divine peroften cannot be collected without trouble mission of sin, in the style and and expense. Checks on Louisville banks | manner of a New Haven theologian thirty years ago. Nor do we fancy, again, the author's re-creation of Oliver Cromwell, A Heartfelt tribute to the worth of Rev. as one of the saintly men. We don't like Oliver. He was an Erastian, ecclesiastically, and a Jacobin politically, and there fore in the end, his career as the restorer of a pure spiritual Church and of constitutional liberty to England was a failure -just as it is very certain his Erastian and Jacobinical imitators in our Protestant church and country at present must prove a failure. But for all that, this book is a great book-a work of geniusin the main, a glorious tribute to true men, and true principles of religion and liberty. We rejoice that God has given somebody at once the grace to appreciate these great Christian men and great truths, and at the same time the genius to present them in a way to facinate both

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Lebanon in the Presbytery of Ebenezer. At a large and respectable meeting of

taken political action unwarranted by our constitution, and repugnant to the word of God, as interpreted by our Standards, establishing new terms of membership, binding the consciences of a large number of their constituent members, and virtually ignoring the rights of Presbyteries and Synods, and whereas the Synod of Kentucky has with great unanmity from year to year solemnly protested rgainst said political and un constitutional action of said several Assemblies .-Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, that the Lebanon Church and congregation adhere with unfaltering fidelity to the Standards of our

Resolved, 2d. That this Church approve the several prorests of the Synod of Kentucky, and of the Ebenezer Presbytery against the political and unconstitutionacts of the General Assembly. Resolved, 3d. That we condemn the

conduct of Dr. R. J. Breckinridge and those who acted with him at his suggeson in withdrawing from the Synod of Kentucky which met at Henderson, October 10th, in as much as their withdraw l was calculated to produce discord and division in the Churches. Resolved, 4th, That we approve the ad-

dress of the Synod of Kentucky. Resolved, 5th. That we approve the action of Synod on the subject of missions. Resolved, 6th. That we seriously regret that our pastor, Rev. J. F. Hendy saw proper to associate and act with a party, whose acts and proceedings tend to pro luce, strife, discord, and division in the Churches, and whose principles are contrary to the word of God, and hence, derogatory to the upbuilding of Christ's

Resolved, 7th. That in this hour of trial it is the duty of church members to be circumspect and careful not to give offence to fellow members, but remember 'ye are members one of another.' Resolved, 8th. That we send a copy of the above resolutions to the Free Chris-

tian Commonwealth for publication. N. G. Hudson, Moderator. A. M. MYERS, Clerk.

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The First Presbyterian church in Boston. Massachusetts, late Rev. J. P. Bixby's has extended a call to Rev. Dr. Ormiston of Hamilton, Canada.

Rev. W. W. Trimble has removed to Missouri, and is now preaching to two congregations in Monroe county, His Post Office address is changed from Brownburg, Va., to Perry, Ralls county,

Rev. A. V. C. Schenck, late of St. Charles, Mo., and more recently Prof. in Westminster College, Mo., was on the 18th ult. installed pastor of the church at Bedford, Pennsylvania, by a committee of the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Politics vs. Religion .- It is admitted by Presbyterians of Cincinnati that the sway of that Church, which once controlled that city, has passed away. While the population of the city has doubled, it has few if any more members than it had twenty years ago; and not more than half the seats provided in their houses of worship are occupied. Those who are on the ground and know the facts say that the same decay is observable "in all the

Protestant churches,' As to the cause of this decline, it is alleged that "the churches are only considered as a part of the machinery of the Republican party, employed for advance ing its interests. All who would be in good standing in the churches must be in favor of the Civil Rights Bill, Freedmen's Bureau Bill, Constitutional Amend-

ment, &c. "Such statements," says the Charlotte Church Intelligencer "are openly made there, as the true causes of the general decline in vital religion, and the evident decay of the Presbyterian Church in par-"We have more evidence," con ticular." tinues the Intelligencer, "than we could desire, that this surrender of the Church to politics is by no means confined to the Presbyterians: there is we fear too much of it even in our own household (the Episcopal.)

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"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee open-

There is no duty that Christianity entails upon her followers more rigidly it is performed with a lively sense of communion with this heavenly visitor that comes to that heart, then it ceases of the nature and character of a joy.

Sometimes we visit our fellow men, not from a pleasure, but from conscious duty; nor do we ever urge as an excuse for desiring to be in company with one joice in the pleasure. And when we commune with our fellow men from a sense of duty, if our intercourse is dry and unpleasant, then the duty becomes an irksome and even intolerable burthen from which we would gladly pray for deliverance.

when carried up into the Christian life, wherein men hold communion with God, from love to God: so much so that when the channel of communication is broken, either by God hiding Himself from us to try our faith, or we, by our sins, hiding ourselves from God, we cry out with Job: "O that I knew where I might find Him."

So on the other hand: When this communion with our fellow men, from duty is carried up into the Christian life, and we hold converse with God, not because we love His companionship, but from a morbid consciousness of duty, we cry out with St. Paul: "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death.'

In the former of these dispositions, prayer is a pleasure; in the latter it is a duty. The former brings happiness to the heart; the latter entails misery. In the former, the soul is so possessed, and "filled with all the fulness of God," that its happiness is dependent on the real, conscious, possession of that "fullness," while in the latter, the soul is so utterly devoid of the life giving, comforting and sustaining presence and power

of God, that it is absolutely miserable. These two features of religion may (in one sense) be termed the lights and God, we delight in prayer as a privilege; and from the weariness and irksomeness we feel from want of communion with

and a task. But all Cristians should pray-do pray-must pray-for a prayerless Christian is an anomaly, is a paradox: whom weeping," "you are the enemy of the

cross of Christ." Now, how can we account for these lights and shades of Christian life? Why is it that some Christians are fond of entering into their closets and shutting their door, and praying to their heavenly Father, "which seeth in secret?" And why is it that they are entertained and blessed and openly rewarded? And why on the other hand, are some Christians never blessed with a peace of conscience and joy in the Holy Ghost while on their bended knees?

It is because some Christians love Jesus more than others! It is because some Christians, by their prayerful lives Christ; if any man sin, he has an "adhonor God above all things else, and he verifies his promises unto them. "They stead of making our sins an occasion to that honor me, I will honor." And strengthen our faith and confirm our those, on the other hand, that mourn the loss of consolation and joy in their closets (if they will take the trouble to inquire into the cause of it,) will find | cred for the dwelling place of the Holy that it is because of the absence of God in their prayers; hence they offer Him unhallowed prayer -- or idolatrous or indolent, or faithless prayer.

This conscious absence of the presence of God in secret prayer, is one of the most disheartening phases of Christian life; and the truth of this will not be for a moment doubted, by one acquainted with the experience of Christians. For, how often is it the case that the followers of Christ can speak of so little in their devotional life that appears at all like life-"that seems like living God." How often is it that the only feeling the worshiper experiences, is the conscious absence of all reality in his devotions, and he thinks himdesire, holy love, nor holy fear;"-"heart deep;" there is no joy nor peace behind such an one, it is like closing the door of the heart against every friend--even the "Friend of sinners"were the stillness of the calm sea communing with itself.

But let us hint no longer at the cause

ings of the wind and the tempest, are a hope their example will be extensively ries, for approval. The dose proved or judicatories, that the only choice from the instinct of a child.

Free Christian Commonwealth few white embers upon the hearth. It followed. For several years the ecclesi- entirely too strong for the Presbyterian they had was implicit obedience, viola-"walking with God"-beholding the glory of God, which shone with such effulgence that they were absolutely afraid. Then their fondness of communion with God. God was their "light," and their 'salvation." They had "none in heavnen from which we would gladly pray or deliverance.

Now, this joy from communion with struth in the night watch-

friends in social life, becomes rapturous es. They were "continually" with God. But we excuse our failure to reach up so high in the divine life, by saying that men in our own times who were so ab-God's glory, which rolled like a sea of light around them while at the throne revelation which God often gave them while at prayer; so weighty was the glory, and it augmented itself into such "an eternal weight of glory,," as they prayed. that they recoiled from the sight and besought God to withhold further reve-

lations of his glory. These phases of Christian life and experience are remarkable, and are only given unto those that "love much;" yet how much of the ordinary dialect of prayer could we appropriate-language which it seems has become stereotyped among Christians in "confessing their faults one to another," and in communion with God,-how much of it could we apply to ourselves if an honest examination were made into the dispositions of our minds and hearts. Let us deal faithfully with ourselves, and hunt out and root up one or two causes of the absence of God in prayer, and the consequent joylessness of the closet.

And among these are I. The absence of piety in the soul. Hence the streams of hypocrisy running through the Church of God. "What is the hope of the hypocrite? Will God shades of the Christian life. So from the hear his cry?" Was it not the picus joy we feel in holy communion with Cecil that said "all he knew about his religion was, that he was not a hypocrite." It was another way of saying "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life," &c.; and with Paul assuring Him, we discover prayer to be a duty himself of his salvation. An impious soul has never been introduced into the presence of God, and of course all his devotions are meaningless patomimes-

are blasphemies .- But II. Our sins block up the avenue the Apostle Paul would tell, "even through which the joyfulness of secret devotion flows; sins of omission -and the only one that shall be mention-

1. The neglect of secret prayer .-There is in the trials, temptations and burdens of the Christian life, an absolute necessity for secret prayer--peculiar sins to confess in the closet, where "none but God can hear;" and if there is none of this intimacy between the regenerate soul and its God, by which it is impelled to secret communion with God, surely that soul ought to "awake

But the true Christian mourns the joylessness of the 'sweet hour of prayer,' 2. Because of sins committed.--We fall into sin, and feel ashamed to open the door of the closet. We forget our high privilege of the intercession of vocate with the Father," &c., and inobedience, (as David did) and drive us to Christ, we make them an occasion of further temptations and falls.

The heart that is kept holy and sa-Spirit, and is ever open to receive the visitations of this Divine Comforter, is the heart that "joys and rejoices" always "in the presence of God;" to whom secret prayer is a privilege and a pleasure; who will always receive "grace to help in every time of need," and will thus be transformed "from glory into glory." W. H. J.

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The Presbytery of Potapsco.

The Pennsylvania Argus, the editor of the communion of a living soul with a Presbyterian Church, speaks thus of the causes which led to the formation of this Presbytery:

ing, or recited, parrot-like, or without al acts of the General Assembly for any sense of the ideas they convey. the last five years, particularly that There are no words that burn, that are | bastard Presbyterianism that adopted the famous McLean resolutions, by which nor repose norsense of communion with the Commissioners from the Louisville from Sodom and Gomorrah. God; and when the closet door is shut | Presbytery were tyrannically and units God is as cheerless as though it Testimony," wickedly, and with the war, and carefully avoided irritating ac- tained, that the Assembly would back shoulder, said, softly. of the absence of God in prayer, and of ecclesiastical standby the additional orders recited; and boaster so as to destroy the effects of nify it. I have at this moment ringing political concernment. It is manifest hence by the additional orders recited; and boaster so as to destroy the effects of nify it. I have at this moment ringing political concernment. It is manifest hence by the additional orders recited; and boaster so as to destroy the effects of nify it. I have at this moment ringing political concernment. It is manifest hence by the additional orders recited; and boaster so as to destroy the effects of nify it. I have at this moment ringing political concernment. It is manifest hence by the additional orders recited; and boaster so as to destroy the effects of nify it. of its consequent irksomeness; but let These and similar acts of the last five ing, with as much assumed authority, nothing remained for the protestants to the wine; and he blushed deeply as he in my ears the dying injunction of my us state it plainly. It is because we Assemblies this little band very proper- as was actually delegated to the first do, than to disregard the unconstitu- saw what a fool he had been making of father.s friend: "Keep your sons from pray so little. So seldom is the breath ly consider as unconstitutional, void, Church council in Apostolic days. (Acts tional acts, and proceed as if they had himself.—This simple sentence from lips cards; over them I've murdered time of prayer breathed upon the ashy spark and of no binding force, but to obey 15th,) they sent down these "decrees" to never been passed. The ipso facto order, he loved did more for him than the and lost heaven." of fire in the soul, that it is almost gone | them would be a henious sin. We hold the Churches, "for to keep"-without however, is the special one which has kirk, the Assembly's Catechism, or the out.

What a cheerless thing amid the howl
We the Church required, to the Presbyte
that these brethren have done right in submitting them, as the constitution of precipitated the division. This brought the issues so squarely before the inferi
There is mighty power in words uttered gation. He that has the means must

The Presbyterian Synod of Kentucky-

the true Issue. dignified and truthful, that we feel it

war, Dr. Bayless proceeds: Unhappily, however, the whole aspect New England Abolitionism, and the were made to answer it. None were Emancipation Proclamation. Slave- brought to repentance, but more signaholders in the Church were pronounced tures were added.

its spirituality, and its conservatism. toes, had the alternative of starvation,

conditions.

God in the heart, impelling that soul to make that Christian miserable, and injury of religion. We trust that all exercise the right of protest, and even its constitutionality—that the peace and winter's fire, and contented themselves amid the storm there is no cheering ministers and members, who are for of refusal to obey orders, which they purity of the church are compromised by admiring the snowy landscape from flame, but "all is dark and dreary." standing fast by the constitution, will judged unconstitutional. Several of by it, and consequently, resistance to it the window. It is in winter that the Christianity is a life. But what sort feel that their position is impregnable these protests were penned by Dr. R. J. is in strict accordance with their ordito be regarded as a duty and partakes of a life is that which is "all dark and before God and honest men, and are Breckinridge; others by some of the nation vows. Whilst the Assembly con- the half-clad child, who pines with hundreary?" When we compare, or rather not afraid or ashamed to be disloyal to most zealous members of the new Synod. tented itself with simply passing a see ger and cold, will lack strength and contrast our joylessness in the divine Casar, will rally around the constitu- All pronounced the deliverances and ries of resolutions on the state of the spirit to cross that famous slide, while life with those rapturous exclamations toin of the church, and imitate the Bal- orders in question, inexpedient and imof some of the Old Testament saints, timore brethren, and assert that Christ | practicable; and in some instances, unwhose lives were "hid with Christ in alone is King. Then we will have many constitutional and void-"contrary to been borne with, though unauthorized Piercing was the wind one winter's God," we are startled, and wonder what more Presbyteries and Synods on the the word of God, as that word is in- by the constitution of the church. The morning last year; for snow had fallen we love, that it is our duty, but we re- sort of Christians are we! He read of good old platform. To us it seems im- terpreted in the Confession of Faith." men in the Old Testament Church possible to follow Christ and the As- Thus the Kentucky Presbyterian Church | would have hoped in time, to have re- and pavement with countless flakes. A going a little farther than others, in But when the Assembly proceeded to a little urchin in ragged garb stepped their condemnation. Here was open require compliance with its odious or- forward, broom in hand, and eagerly We find in the Big Sandy Herald a bly, by the entire Synod of Kentucky. its prestige of wisdom and authority. snow. letter of Rev. John C. Bayless, designed On the one hand, positive requirements; to set before the people plainly and comThus matters stood up to the fall of must be so judged, apart from both the manage such work this cold morning?' prehensively the true history of the 1865; when certain ministers and ru- excellences and imperfections of men. prehensively the true history of the 1865; when certain ministers and ru-present controversy in the church. His ling Elders, in Kentucky and other It is a question of the right interpreta-tion of the Word of God. It is a question of the gentleman statement is so remarkably clear, calm, parts, more aroused to the dangers tion of the Word of God. It is a quesplace in our columns. It will be found titled, "The Declaration and Testimo- as to the terms of membership-as to stracted in "the ineffable thought of to be just such a statement as any fair- ny." In 1835, a similar document the rights of members—as to the Con- ed the little sweeper. of things was changed, in the General Assembly of 1861, by the introduction, through Dr. Spring, of New York, of certain resolutions on the state of the body of the Church, still believed abundantly vindicated from all charges breakfast. country. In them, the political status to be sound, could be awakened to a or insinuations, affecting their character of the body was defined, and the merits sense of their danger. To arouse the or motives by the spiritual and very of the civil strife, then raging, so de- whole body and put their soundness to solemn nature of these issues. They cided, as virtually to bind the con- the test, the "Act and Testimony was are not a faction, not revolutionary, sciences of all in its jurisdiction, to a prepared and published, and the Con- disloyal, schismatic-but they are conparticular policy of the General Gov- vention at Pittsburg, called the Pres- scientious, watchful, independent, courernment. They were penned in the bytery of Miami, adopted the paper, and ageous, and respectful to those who dif. received a silver coin, of his "very own;" highest excitement, after consulting the Synod of Cincinnati, when com- fer from them. They have all labored while, below his arm he was hugging a with distinguished officials in the Fed- plained to, approved the action of Pres- together, with the holiest zeal, and lived precious bundle, which contained an eral Government, and in the absence of bytery. "The Act and Testimony was together in the sweetest fellowship, and almost all the representatives of the written by Dr.R.J. Breckinridge. Now would still be one, in heart, effort and sweeper!" you are saying. Yes, dear Southern Presbyteries, whose attendance the author of the "Declaration and organization, were it not for this ruthwas prevented by the obstructions of the Testimony," seems to have purposely less ipso facto act of the General Aswar. About one-third of the members, followed this illustrious example, in the sembly. I charge the General Assembly however, earnestly protested against the title and objects and suggestions of the with the division. The brethren in Ken- a miserable room in the Old Town. deliverance; among whom were some of paper. With a change of dates and tucky have labored to prevent it, almost the most learned and distinguished men proper names, the two remarkably cor- to a man. It has come in spite of their in the Church. The immediate result respond. The "Declaration and Testi- best exertions. It is a sad and mortiof this action was two-fold; practically mony" is addressed to the whole Church | fying fact, to all who wish well in the boy's statements which interested his to divide the Church in its sentiment; -sums up the unauthorized and dan cause of Christ, yet especially to the and, positively to divide it in its visible gerous proceedings of the Assembly, members of the Presbyterian Church. organization. For in the States which from 1861-protests against them with Let them, in their embarrassing position, adhered to the Union, a non-political great vehemence-proposes to bring cleave firmly to their honest convictions, church party was created; whilst in the seconded States, a new General Assemto save it from a threatened "falling with care the great points at issue, culbly was formed-both the legitimate away" from God's word and its Consti- tivate mutual respect and forbearance, fruit of the Spring resolutions. The tution-and suggests a Convention to wait the further developments of Provissue was then fairly made, whether the consider the whole matter. It made its idence, and unitedly pour out their ticipated pleasures of a day, s skating Church of Christ was exclusively a spiritual body, unsecular in its teach- Louisville, was passed by that body, may baptize them with his Spirit, heal ings, aims, and methods, or whether it but disapproved by the Synod, was divisions, and cause truth and righteouswas half political, and half spiritual; a signed by 100 or more in different parts, ness to prevail. sort of "doctor" to the engine of State. and substantially approved by many This article being devoted exclusive-

> unworthy of membership-the war poli- This brings us to the General Ascy was sanctioned-strong intimations sembly of May 1866, at St. Louis, in given that Christians ought to vote for whose proceedings we find the imme-

or quitting the ministry. No matter alteration or amendment in its object sure to hear tales which threw Munhow beloved by his people, how well tionable deliverances and orders-vir- chausen far into the shade. qualified to guide and instruct them, tually re-affirmed every one-ejected the how many evidences of divine favor in four Commissioners of Louisville Presconversions and the edification of the bytery, ostensibly because that body treated as an ecclesiastical, if not moral -dissolved the Presbytery-summoned shield her boy from sin. leper. The precious pearls of Chris- all the signers of the "Declaration and tian beneficience must be wasted on such Testimony," in a batch, to appear bespirit of the great adversary, forbid a tion. But the old school body were stirred down from some of its most obnoxious large number of God's most gifted, effi- up to stir in more gall. Their orders, deliverances, was not realized. On the

would be more comforting if a screen astical courts have displayed a penchant stomach in Kentucky, besides, else- ting thereby the dictates of conscience were put before the fire place, and those for political meddling. Formerly all where. It acted like an emetic. There and surrendering the right of private few embers were entirely hid from our sound Presbyterians held to the sole was a powerful eructation in the shape judgment; or disobedience, with the sight; for, by the power of contrast, headship of Jesus Christ over the church. of protests and refusals to obey-both added penalty of dissolution as church otism and the like, they might have ning over it scores of times. had substantially the same mind-some | medied evils of which they complained. gentleman was leaving his house, when

on the other, positive disobedience. ciple. It stands on its own merits, and the gentleman; 'do you think you can

Hence, all the disturbances of its peace, others, though not signed by them, on ly to the history of the case, no arguall the war of words, all the bad humor, the score of high policy, or from ob- ment is offered on its merits, though the all the divisions, which appear in its jections entertained against its rhetoric history is itself a strong argument. I history, since May 1861. For the wedge and temper, not against its doctrines. know the subject is incomplete without thus entered, was driven farther and On its appearance, any quantity of such a discussion, but your types have plies, as she hastens down-stairs. farther, by each successive Assembly, abuse was lavished on its authors and been already sorely taxed, as well as the ed in comfortable clothing, his face to 1866. The slavery question was signers, and on all who sympathized patience of your readers. With thanks overhauled, and fixed up on the basis of with them, and some ineffectual attempts for your courtesy, I remain yours truly,

JOHN C. BAYLESS. Ashland, Ky., Dec. 10, 1866.

Wee Davie's Aboot.

A Scottish gentleman, more famous appearance was marvelous. in sports than in morals, often sacrificcandidates of a certain political party, diate foregoing cause of the division of ed truth when boasting of his horses come to show us your new clothes? and more of the same purport—clearly the Synod of Kentucky, as well of Mis- and hounds; priding himself that "no said his benefactress. demonstrating that the Old School souri. That Assembly was preceded man North of Edinboro' could show the "No' ma'am, I like you to see them, Presbyterian Church, as represented in by a Convention, called by Dr. R. J. like in a chase.', When visitors were and the little gentleman who gave them its General Assembly, had lost, at once, Breekinridge, to consider what course gone and no better listener was present to me; but it is not for that I came." should be pursued to sustain the As- he would repeat to his wife the marvel- He then produced a pretty ivory tablet By way of a clincher to all these po- sembly in its past deliverances, against ous feats of "Bonnie Bride" as he rode and pencil-case, saying, "Them things By way of a clinical and secular deliverances, the As- the protestants in the "Declaration and her down on the deer, cheered on by was in the pocket of the jacket, ma'am, sembly of 1865 passed several very ob. Testimony," and their sympathizers. the pampered hounds "Flash" and "Sly" but, you see, father teached me out of jectional orders. It ordered its Board They were a chosen few, and sat with both of whom he declared understood the good Book that it is wrong to keep of Domestic Missions, not to give aid to closed doors, after the manner of poliany minister, who was not in sympathy ticians in caucus. Their action was these wild boasts he felt necessary to brought them backwith the Assembly, in its action on loy- presented to the Assembly in a memo- seal with a round Highland oath, they alty and freedom. The poor and hard-rial, and substantially everything asked, were so hard to be believed! One who nice present in the pocket, mamma! working Missionary, who would not sub- if not a little more, was done, particu- was ignorant of the powers of horse said the little donor, in a loud whisper. scribe to the Assembly's pronunciamen- larly these following things, namely: flesh, or who was wise enough not to "But is not that an honest boy?" The Assembly declined making any wound his pride by contradiction, was

"Hush, dear, wee Davie's aboot!" It is probable that the little High- to the heavenly Father's voice. traitors. This, though the money, the fore the next General Assembly, to an- lander had heard this caution more Board disbursed, was collected from the swer for their crime—forbade them to times than his parents were aware of. poor child was becoming wise and good; which is, we believe, a member of the whole Church, and without any such sit in any court until then, higher than One day after the ladies had left the but with last year's snow he disappearthe Session—and forbade Presbyteries table and the wine flowed freely among ed; and now we cannot say where he is. The Assembly of 1865 also ordered and Synods to admit them to their seats the guests, his father's tongue, stirred Yet we know that He, who careth for the sessions of individual churches, and on pain of immediate (ipso facto) disthe Presbyteries, not to receive any solution; also appointed a committee of of "Bonnie Bride" and her ancestors. winter's storm, will watch over him; This Presbytery at present is an in- members from the South, until they had fifteen to inquire into the expediency of He vowed that he bought her of a gyp- and remember, dear children, there is self a hypocrite? He has no "holy dependent organization, constrained examined them in reference to the sins an organic re-union with the New School sy who stole her from the Duke of L., none so safe as he whom God is keepto come out from and testify against of slavery and rebellion, and were satishis expressions are weak and unmean- the revolutionary and unconstitution- fied that they were not guilty of them, clude the Southern Church in the in. Arabian prince, and that lately the or were truly sorry, if they had been. quiry-said they were not wanted, un thickheaded duke, seeing and admiring Nothing was said about any in the less they came kneeling, and confessing her the more for her resemblance to his North, who might be implicated in these their sins. All the obnoxious deliver- lost one, when up from the midland had a card playing community open to huge iniquities-only those who came ances, therefore, of the Assembly since counties of England, had offered him my observation, and I am yet to be made 1861, are unrepealed and in full force. five thousand pounds for her! While Both these orders were passed after Not one is a dead letter. That idea is he ran on thus, all unconscious of the versal resort of the starved in soul and constitutionally refused seats in the As- the war, and when both sections were utterly repudiated, since the adjourn- winks and smiles passing round the intellect, which has never in any way sembly. Also the infamous Gurley re- yearning for a renewal of friendly re- ment of the last Assembly, both by the circle, his boy, who had lingered in the linked with itself tender, elevating, or solutions, in which those who signed a lations. Most other denominations Moderator, and by all who voted for its dining hall, stepped up softly behind beautiful associations, the tendency of and the communion of that heart with paper entitled "A Declaration and sought to heal the wounds made by the measures. The hope which some enter- him, and laying his tiny hand on his which is unduly to absorb the atten-

"Hush, father, wee Davie's aboot!" The roars of laughter which followcient and devoted ministers from exer- particularly the last, made new terms of contrary, the case was made still worse ed this innocent reproof startled the ius may embellish, but can never dig- ings apart from and above every secular and

For the Children.

Honesty: A True Story.

Two winters ago, when the ground they only the more vividly remind us of Loyalty to Christ was the true test of in the Presbyteries, and in the Synod of courts. Those who have chosen the was covered with snow, icicles hanging the blazing fire by the light of which Christianity. The last five Assemblies Kentucky. Indeed the whole Church latter, deny the right of the Assembly from the trees, and Duddingstone's old the howlings of the storm would be have virtually said that loyalty to Cæsar in Kentucky protested regularly every to exercise original jurisdiction over loch looking bright with its group of PORTRAIT AND OTHER FRAMES music to the soul. But there is just was the test. This is about the plain fall, in its courts, from 1861 to 1865, ministers, they being amenable to their merry skaters, little people in Edinenough of fire on the hearth to make meaning of the acts of 1865 and 1866, against these obnoxious proceedings of Presbyteries. They aver, that this order burgh thought it was glorious weather us miserable. So it seems there is just stripped of verbiage. The constitution the General Assembly. Be this specially | violates some of the fundamental prin- but the aged drew their warm wrappings than that of Secret Prayer. And when enough of the fire of Christianity in the of the church is ignored by a reckless noted. It was not thought, then, im- ciples of Presbyterian Church govern- more closely round them, while the inheart of a prayerless, joyless Christian and subversive majority, to the great proper for the inferior judicatories, to ment-that they have a right to judge firm rested near the warm glow of a country, glittering with loyalty, patri- you, happy little boy or girl, are run-

minority had the right of protest, and in the night, covering the doorsteps rebellion against the General Assem. ders, it forfeited confidence and lost asked permission to sweep away the

The issue, then, is one clearly of prin- "You are a very little sweeper," said "Try me, sir; do try me," said the

threatening the Church, besides the tion as to the very nature and province kindly. "Work away, and after you

those men were inspired, and enjoyed the peculiar favor of God. But we read of men in our own times who were so ab.

The will be found. "Oh! thank you, sir!" almost grasp-

minded man would desire to put into made its appearance, called, "The Act stitutional guarantees of those rights, And in a very short time the doorthe hands of one desiring information and Testimony." This grew out of the and the prescribed methods of mainof grace, that they were almost lost to any sense of the external world? So on the subject. After a brief statement overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resisting of overpowered were some of them with the of the resistance of the resistan overpowered were some of them with the of the position of our church before the points of doctrine, and the discipline of dence, efficiency and true glory of the The laughing eye of several youngsters the Church. History says of it, "the Church on earth, as represented by the watched the little fellow from the windoings of the General Assembly of 18- Presbyterian branch of it. The men dow; and no sooner was his busy work

The pleasure of giving food to the hungry was abundantly realized in that happy home that morning; and after our little friend had finished his meal, he was brought up stairs to talk to the lady. Nor did he leave before he had entire new suit of clothes. "Fortunate children; but his story was a sad one. He had no mother to care for him; and his father was sick, while they lived in

Beggars sometimes tell us such tales, and we fear they are not true; but GEO. W. MORRIS. there was an apparent sincerity in this listeners greatly. And as he ran briskly from the door, the children hoped that they might see the nice little boy again. The morning hours passed day sun were melting the snow in the garden and on the trees; but the ice on the lochs was still frozen, and the anservant entered the drawing-room to say that the boy who was in, in the their purchases: morning, had returned, and "wished to

more than one eager voice. "We shall hear presently," she re-

There stood the little sweeper, dresswashed, and the uncombed locks, which formerly stood on an end, reminding one of the old pictures of Giant Despair in the Pilgrim's Progress, were now beautifully brushed, and quite smooth. Altogether, the change in his

"Well, my little fellow, have you

"Oh! how stupid of me to leave my

Yes, dear children, the little sweeper acted honestly. He did what was right; and we may learn a bright lesson from Now the wife of this man was a meek, the earnest heed which he gave to God's gentle, truth-loving woman; and as far blessed word. You may be sure that the as she dared to do so, she rebuked both kind lady approved of his conduct, enfaithful, if any should testify that he had approved the "Declaration and Tes- his lying and profanity. Often, when couraging him to continue in the had the taint of disloyalty, according to timony"—shut them out from self-de- she could do no more, she would touch study of the Bible, and telling him that the authorized definition, he must be fence by calling the previous question his shoulder and say, reprovingly, to there he would find stories of Samuel and Timothy -- those holy children, who, in boyhood's years, were ever listening

We would like to tell you that this

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